

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2019 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CB-001-2019

**Draft No.:** 2

**Committee:** PLANNING, HOUSING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Date:** 02/07/2019

**Action:** FAV (A)

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### REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Glaros, Davis, Hawkins and Ivey)

The Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee Director summarized the purpose of the legislation and informed the committee as to comments received on referral. This legislation amends the County Zoning Ordinance in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 29, 2018 Laws of Maryland, as enacted during the 2018 Regular Session of the Maryland General Assembly. The Committee Director summarized amendments provided in a Proposed Draft-2 (DR-2), prepared at the sponsor's request, to address initial comments received on the bill. On page 2, in subsection (a)(2), the new proposed language in lines 15-18 was moved to a new subsection (a)(3). The amendment clarifies that the provision is not limited to a revitalization overlay zone.

Council Chair Turner, the bill sponsor, informed the Committee that CB-1-2019 is for the purpose of implementing State law. Mr. Turner explained that even though the legislation allows the municipalities that have been delegated the authority to enact an ordinance governing fence regulations, the County Council sitting as the District Council is required to review and approve, by resolution, the municipal ordinance.

The Office of Law reviewed CB-1-2019 and determined that it is in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment. By letter dated February 5, 2019 to the PHED Chair, the Bowie City Council requested a favorable vote on CB-1-2019 with one technical correction deleting from Line 11 the words "in a revitalization overlay zone", which the City believes is misplaced language in the original text.

Candice Austin, representing the County Executive's Office, indicated that the Executive supports the legislation. Joe Meinert, City of Bowie Planning Director, testified in support of Proposed DR-2.

The Committee voted favorable on the legislation with the amendments provided in Proposed DR-2.